

**CHAPTER NO. 774**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2975**

**By Representatives Cooper, Marrero, Larry Turner, Armstrong**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2804**

**By Senators Ford, Harper**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, relative to persons desiring to practice medicine or surgery.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-207(b), is amended by deleting the fourth sentence of the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Applicants shall successfully complete the United States Medical Licensing Examination within seven (7) years from the date of whichever step of the examination was successfully completed first; provided, however, the board shall grant an extension to an applicant who is licensed in good standing in another jurisdiction when the applicant has been granted an extension or waiver from the seven (7) year period in the other jurisdiction where the applicant is licensed while the applicant has been engaged in continuous training and practice; provided, further that the seven (7) years shall not run during any period in which the applicant actively served in the armed forces of the United States while the applicant has been engaged in continuous training and practice; and provided, further, that in no event may an applicant take longer than ten (10) years to complete the required examinations pursuant to this sentence.

SECTION 2. The provisions of Section 1 shall be repealed three years after this act takes effect and the provisions of existing law in effect immediately prior to the taking effect of this act shall be revived and reinstated.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 11, 2006

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2006

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR